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Speech and Language Impaired Certificate

TEACHER CERTIFICATION, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Effective January 1, 2007, the State Board of Education has replaced the Speech and Language Impaired certificate with two professional non teaching certificates: Speech-Language Pathologist and Speech-Language Technician.

The Speech-Language Pathologist certificate may be renewed with completion of 60 clock hours of professional development in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language, low incidence disabilities, curriculum and instruction, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models.

The Speech-Language Technician certificate may be renewed with 180 clock hours of graduate level coursework in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language disorders, low incidence disabilities, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models. One graduate semester hour in speech pathology is equivalent to 15 clock hours of professional development.

The new renewal requirement will take effect once the Speech-Language Pathologist or Technician certificate is issued.

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